



GOALIE JIM SWEENEY of the Acton Tanners came out of the net to foil a drive by N.H.L. Oldtimer Harry Watson in the early stages of the game Friday night. The local barber made a number of excellent saves under pressure from the Oldtimers but experience on the part of the N.H.L. crew proved too much for the Tanners who lost 13-6. Believe it or not, there's another player immediately behind Watson. If anyone can prove who the player is by the pair of skates and portion of hockey stick showing, the sports editor would be happy to know.

★ SPORTS PAGE ★

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Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

IT WOULD BE HARD to match Sunday's clash between Durham Huskies and Acton Tanners for sheer excitement. Most of it came in the last minute of play, in regular time when the Tanners rallied from behind a three goal deficit to tie the score in a span of 51 seconds.

The most spectacular comeback for the Tanners this season, it came at the point where a loss would have dropped them from a second place tie into a third place finish on the eve of playoffs. An overtime session didn't settle anything.

The dramatic deadlock gave the Acton club another opportunity to sew up second place. Durham lost the toss so the venue of the deciding game agreed upon goes to Acton Friday.

In the event the Tanners win Friday's decision the second place finish will mean they'll meet Fergus Flyers in the group semifinals. If they lose they'll finish in third place and face Hespeler Mic Macs in the group semis.

Either way they'll have their work cut out for them although the pundits are inclined to favor the Acton club over Fergus.

Hespeler, with back-to-back victories over Durham and Fergus Thursday and Friday, wound up in first place. Mic Macs' ability to take a win when they need one stood them in good stead. First place is a plum. It puts a team in a strong bargaining position, on which both Durham and Acton would like to be in.

PERENNIAL FAVORITES since their first appearance here the N.H.L. Old Timers proved they'd lost none of their appeal by attracting another large crowd for their tussle with the Tanners Friday.

Proceeds of the evening was split between the Legion minor sports and the Acton minor hockey association.

Wonder what happened to Long John Henderson, the clown prince of hockey, who delighted crowds with his antics in the Old Timers' appearance here? Well, Long John went back to playing hockey professionally with a team in the States.

His replacement, Ivan Walmsley, doesn't pretend to be a clown but he showed fans he plays the nets capably in the no-nonsense duel which found the Tanners more than holding their own after a shaky first period. The only suggestion of comedy came when referee Jim Casburn pinned the game's lone penalty on Danny Lewicki. A delayed sentence, Lewicki was nowhere to be found when the whistle blew. It was finally spotted in the crowd enjoying the spectacle.

In the last minute the Tanners took a leaf out of the Old Timers' book and emptied their bench on the ice. It failed to narrow the gap between the teams but proved the Acton players were more numerous than the opposition who had left the youngest Old Timers to finish up while the oldest and tiredest of them snuck into the dressing room.

TRI-COUNTY HOCKEY is finished for the Acton teams; the Tanners, the industrial league and the Legion house league are all poised on playoff thresholds. Next big event is the Four Town Tournament, to be held in Georgetown, March 12.

All the Acton teams are picked for the tourney and have been practising together for several weeks. They book the community centre whenever ice is available. For the Pee Wees that means Sunday morning at 6 a.m. That's a time that strikes terror into most people. For the kids, and seemingly for those who do the instructing, it's just like rising at noon.

At this scribbler's domicile, Sunday at 6 a.m. usually resembles a tomb. The only noise is when someone turns over. But since the only son in the family plays on the pee wee team there's been a marked difference in recent weeks.

Usually to make sure he's up to attend such functions as school, church or an errand you've got to call three or four times, holler five or six more, pull him out of bed, return three or four more times to repeat the treatment. All that effort is rewarded by the appearance of one sleepy, unco-operative boy.

Sunday morning the alarm rings at 5:30 a.m. He bounds out of bed, dresses, hums on his way downstairs, makes his own breakfast, turns on the radio, accompanies it with song, collects his equipment and heads into the darkness mumbbling something about being at the rink before Mr. Pope gets there.

HEAT BITS ★ Milton Juveniles eliminated Fergus to take the Tri-County Juvenile 'B' Championship. They were the third Milton club to take a group title, preceded by the midgets and novices. Both teams were lined up along the blue lines, crowd standing, the arena in darkness, a small light playing on the Queen's portrait Friday night for the national anthem. A slight scratching and a few bars of the Jersey Bounce preceded a march along the mall and then the last few bars of "The Queen" broke through to finish up. Herb Ritchie, Frank Thompson, Jim Inglis and Jim Ralston are keeping the community centre in its cleanest state since artificial ice was installed as well as making fine ice.

Tanners Snatch Tie at Durham Second Place at Stake Friday

Rattling in three goals in the last minute and five seconds of Sunday's crucial W.O.A.A. Int. B schedule wind-up, Acton Tanners earned a 6-6 deadlock to stay tied with Durham Huskies for second place in the standings.

The Tanners, snatched almost certain victory from Huskies who enjoyed a 6-3 edge with little more than a minute to play. An overtime period failed to produce goals for either side in the fast skating contest, which was embellished by only two penalties, split between the two teams.

Sudden Death Game

The tie didn't break the second place deadlock in the standings and forced a sudden death game between the two teams, to be played in Acton Friday night. Winners will meet fourth place Fergus in the group semi-finals while the loser will have to meet first place Hespeler.

Danny Arbie's goal at the 18:55 mark of the final stanza started the Tanners moving in Sunday's

thriller. Thirty-five seconds later Tim Haines hit the target as the Acton club swarmed all around the Husky net.

After the face-off with the puck in the Durham end, coach Junior Beaumont yanked goalie Jim Sweeney for an extra forward and the move paid off.

Blake Drills No. 6

Defenceman Gary Cooper took the puck in the corner, shovelled the puck over to Blake Inglis and No. 14 drilled it past towering Royce Leonard in the Husky cage almost in the same motion, with 14 seconds left to play.

Battling high winds, drifting treacherous roads to reach Durham Sunday, the Acton club was more than satisfied with the tie. They played an uphill battle all the way, trailing Durham 3-1 at the end of the first period, 5-2 at the end of the second and 6-3 with a minute and five seconds left to play in the game.

Many Durham fans left the arena convinced Huskies were

winners. They must have been surprised at the final result!

A freak storm hit Durham Sunday, dumping up to two feet of

Huskies Here Friday Night

One of the largest crowds of the season is expected at the community centre Friday night when Durham Huskies and the Tanners meet in a sudden death game to decide second place in the standings.

The 6-6 tie Sunday in Durham made the game necessary since both teams were tied before the contest.

Hespeler Mic Macs ended up in the league's first spot with 35 points, Durham and Acton were tied with 34 points and Fergus brought up the last playoff spot with 15 points.

The stage was all set for the story book ending.

Referees Barney Reid and Harry Green, usually send a stream of penitents to the penalty box but Sunday could only point their finger, twice — at Acton's Don Crane and Butch Graham of Huskies. Both were minors.

First Period

D-J. Nixon (A. Grant, L. Schafer) 4:32
D-J. Nixon (A. Grant) 5:24
A-H. Evans (D. Arbie, B. Inglis) 9:13
D-I. Schafer (J. Nixon) 15:30
No Penalties.

Second Period

D-J. Nixon (B. Davies) 2:50
D-J. Nixon (B. Davies, A. Grant) 10:05
A-J. Farrelly (H. Townsley, D. Crane) 11:00
Pens. — Crane, Graham.

Third Period

A-D. Crane (G. Cooper) 3:45
D-T. Lawrence (J. Schafer) 12:40
A-D. Arbie (H. Evans, J. Cunningham) 18:55
A-T. Haines (F. Kentner, B. Inglis) 19:30
A-B. Inglis (G. Cooper) 19:46
No penalties.

Overtime

No scoring — no penalties.

Durham — Royce Leonard goal, M. Dickey, I. Schafer, J. Nixon, B. Davis, A. Grant, J. Lawrence, D. Ross, B. Mortley, B. Graham, J. Schafer.

Acton — J. Sweeney goal, F. Kentner, M. Marchmont, Gary Cooper, J. Cunningham defense, B. Inglis, T. Haines, E. Baxter, J. Farrelly, H. Townsley, D. Crane, H. Evans, D. Arbie.

Officials — Barney Reid, Harry Green.

Hockey, Figure Skaters, Draws

N.H.L. Old Timer-Tanner Duel Attracts 1,200

Minor hockey officials termed Friday's third annual visit of the N.H.L. Old Timers to Acton another financial success despite the sub-zero temperatures which kept attendance figures down from other appearances here. Nearly 1200 avid hockey fans jammed their way into the community centre to see the Old Timers play the Tanners, an exhibition of figure skating by members of the Acton Figure Skating Club and a pre-game Acton hockey display.

There were also lucky draws, some comedy and an autograph deluge on the Old Timers who were entertained along with Acton officials at the legion, hall afterwards. Many of the former pros brought their wives and families along for the night.

Proceeds to Hockey

Proceeds were split amongst the Legion minor hockey and the Acton Minor Hockey Association.

The evening started with two exhibitions of hockey by Atoms from the Legion town league with Acton blanking Weston 1-0 in one encounter on a goal by Steve Brunelle. In the second game Brampton returned the compliment by whitewashing Acton 1-0 on a goal by Jim Hurley from Steve Papillon.

The boys responded to enthus-

iasm from the stands by going all out in both contests and as one avid Atom supporter said, excelled the N.H.L. Old Timers and Tanners for excitement.

Feature Show

The Old Timers and Acton appeared next for the feature billing and like other appearances here the Old Timers proved they still possess much of the talent they displayed when playing in the National Hockey League. They trim-

med the Tanners 13-6 in a non-sense game but had their hands full when the Acton club overcame first period jitters to out-score them 4-3 in the second period.

Only penalty of the contest, which featured some good, fast hockey, assessed by referees Jim Casburn, former recreation director here, Wayne Marshall and Gary Masales, went to Danny Lewicki of the visitors. He hid in the

crowd until officials cornered him behind the boards and towed him to the cooler.

The presence of Long John Henderson, who did much to liven up the dull moments in previous appearances, was much missed from the Old Timer line-up. They introduced a new goaltender in Ivan Walmsley and had two other new players in the line-up.

Coach Junior Beaumont dressed for the Tanners to replace Don McKenzie and sub-goalie Frank Anthony performed in the nets for the last period.

The Cullen brothers, Barry and Brian rapped in three goals apiece for the Old Timers with Harry Watson, John McCormack bagged pairs and Sid Smith, Ron Hurst and Danny Lewicki fired two goals apiece. For Acton Blake Inglis shot two, Emmerson Baxter, Harold Townsley, Dan Arbie and Jim Farrelly bagged one apiece with Junior Beaumont collecting two assists, Baxter, Marchmont, Haines, Cooper, Crane, Doug and Howie Evans one each.

Figure Skaters

Three delightful skating numbers by members of the Acton Figure Skating Club fascinated the audience between the first and second periods. A quartet composed of Diane Buckman, Kim McCristall, Jean Elliott and Becky Blackley skated an opening number followed by a solo by petite Colleen DeBruyn.

A precision number in brief costumes by skaters Lynn Dunn, Bonnie Bristow, Patty Dunn, (Continued on Page 5)

Atoms Blank Bramalea 3-0

An All-Star team composed of players from the Legion town league Atom section blanked Bramalea All-Star Atoms 3-0 in an exhibition Sunday.

Jimmy Hurley scored two goals for Acton, with Russ Van Fleet bagging one. Steve Papillon, Jeff Townsley, Gary Barden and Johnny Ashley collected an assist apiece.

Georgetown defeated the Acton team 2-1 in an exhibition the previous Wednesday.

Acton — Robin Insoce goal, Russ Van Fleet, John Ashley, Steve Papillon, Wayne Allen, Jim Hurley, Steve Brunelle, Jeff Townsley, Gerald Barden, John McCutcheon, Gary Barden, Ricky Baninski, Ivan Hearn, Kent Kentner.

Legion Hockey League

ATOM

Acton 1 — Weston 0
Steve Brunelle potted the lone goal of this encounter from Gordon Toth. There were no penalties.

Weston 3 — Brampton 1
Kent Kentner drilled two goals and Jim Townsley one for Weston while Jim Hurley hit the target for Brampton assisted by Steve Papillon.

No penalties.

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St. Kitts 3 — Hamilton 3
Ron Schmidt's St. Kitts team came from behind a 3-0 first period deficit to tie the game with Bob Armstrong's Hamilton club. Steve Marshall bagged two goals and an assist with Gary Fisher notching one and assisting on two. John Cameron, Tim McIntyre and Ron Death looked after the Hamilton scoring with Treth Armstrong, Death and McIntyre collecting assists.



JUNIOR CAGERS from Acton high school lost a game against Arthur High School basketball team. Front row left to right are Dugald Dick, Bob Andrews, Neil row left to right are Don Rogers, Bill Day, Ray Hibbard, Bill Landsborough, teacher-coach Pat Sullivan, Lloyd Smallwood and Paul Cooper.

Phillips, Gibbons Dandies For Dusters in 12-3 Win

Dusters blew up a storm and solidified their hold on first place when they routed the Cyclones 12-3 in Industrial League hockey action on Sunday. In the other contest, the Royals took over second place once again by bopping the Bushwhackers 9-5.

Harry (Red) Phillips fired four goals and assisted on five others as he moved closer to the league's scoring championship. Teammate Denis Gibbons was nearly as sharp for the Dusters, scoring three times and assisting three times.

Three for "Cutty"

John Cunningham scored three times and Doug Black hit for two markers and assisted four times to lead the Royals to victory. Dave Papillon, Ed Hilliard, Bob Doyle and Bruce Macpherson had single goals. Ron Schmidt and Bob Doyle earned a pair of helpers. Doug Vickery and Dave Papillon each assisted once.

Noel Rowsell and Ron Mellon scored two goals apiece and Grant Withers had one for the Bushwhackers' losing cause. Wayne Wilson, Ron Mellon, Wayne Shepherd and Gus Holmes had an assist each.

Last games of the regular schedule will be played on Sunday night. Dusters have clinched first place and the Bushwhackers, had locked up the cellar part in the four-team loop. The Royals and the Cyclones will battle for second place in the final game.

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